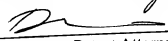




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Sir:

An Office Action making the rejection of the claims final was mailed on April 14, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on September 14, 2004 and an Amendment was filed on October 27, 2004. In a subsequent telephonic conference with the Examiner on December 14, 2004, the Examiner indicated that prosecution of the subject application had been reopened in view of new rejections and a non-final Office Action would be mailed to Applicant. An electronic communication on March 30, 2005 from the Examiner to Applicant's undersigned representative confirmed reopening of prosecution of the subject application.

In view of the Examiner's indication of reopening prosecution of the subject application, Applicant has submitted with this Communication a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for the Examiner's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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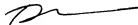
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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of each cited reference is enclosed. However, Applicant has not submitted copies of the U.S. patents and the published U.S. Application cited on attached Form PTO/SB/08 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii).

It is respectfully requested that the references cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08 be considered in the examination of the subject application and that their consideration be made of record.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statement.

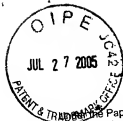
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